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In re Patent Application of:  
Bruce W. MCGAUGHY et al.

Application No.: 10/724,277

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Art Unit: 2128

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SIMULATING  
A CIRCUIT HAVING HIERARCHICAL  
STRUCTURE

Examiner: S. Patel

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 5, 2006 (Paper No. 724277), for which a response was due on July 5, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to Monday, August 7, 2006 (August 5, 2006 falls on a Saturday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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